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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS

1. EKREM GUVENDIREN, MFA DEPUTY-DIRECTOR GREEK-CYPRUS  
AFFAIRS, ASKED DCM TO COME TO HIS OFFICE EMNING MAY 23 TO  
DISCUSS "COMPLICATED AND DELICATE MATTER."

2. THIS WAS A NUMBER OF HOURS AFTER YOUR MEETING WITH DEMIREL,  
AT WHICH GUVENDIREN WAS JUNIOR TURK PRESENT. GUVENDIREN BEGAN  
BY STRESSING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HIS APPROACH. HE SIAD  
THAT HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AND  
INDIAATED THAT CAGLAYANGIL WAS KEEPING KNOWLEDGE OF IT FROM ALL  
OTHER SENIOR COLLEAGUES IN THE MINISTRY. IN LATER REMARK THE  
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CONTRADICTED HIMSELF, SAYING THAT HE WAS ACTING ON HIS OWN,

WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN.

3. GUVENDIREN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL AND DEMIREL-KARAMANLIS MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT IN ROME CAGLAYANGIL AND BITSIOS AGREED THAT THEY AND THEIR PRIME MINISTERS SHOULD MEET IN BRUSSELS AT THE END OF MAY WHEN THEY WERE ALL THERE ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATO SUMMIT. SINCE THEN NEITHER SIDE -- GREEK OR TURKISH -- HAD TAKEN ANY INITIATIVE WHATSOEVER ABOUT FIXING A DATE AND TIME FOR THESE MEETINGS. GUVENDIREN'S STRONG IMPRESSION WAS THAT NEITHER SIDE WANTS TO BE THE FIRST IN REQUESTING A RENDEZVOUS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE PRIME MINISTERS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT YOU, IN THE COURSE OF ASCERTAINING THE US APPOINTMENTS WITH THE TURKS AND THE GREEKS, MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A DATE FIXED FOR THE TURK-GREEK MEETINGS WITHOUT GIVING THE IMPRESSION TO EITHER SIDE THAT YOU WERE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER.

4. GUVENDIREN SAID TURKS HAD LEARNED FROM RUMANIAN AMBASSADOR HERE THAT KARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS WERE FLYING DIRECTLY FROM BUCHAREST TO BRUSSELS ON MAY 27, ARRIVING LATE THAT EVENING. DEMIREL AND CAGLAYANGIL WOULD BE ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 28. CAGLAYANGIL HAD TWO TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE EVENING OF MAY 28. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 29, HE WAS FREE UNTIL 11:30 A.M. WHEN HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING DEMIREL TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

COMMENT: DESPITE HIS LATER DISCLAIMER, I AM CERTAIN THAT GUVENDIREN IS NOT REPEAT NOT ACTING ON HIS OWN. RATHER I INTERPRET HIS APPROACH AS REFLECTING CAGLAYANGIL'S HOPE THAT USG CAN ACT AS CATALYST IN THIS MATTER. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE HAZARDS IN UNPRODUCTIVE GREEK-TURKISH MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS, I ASSUME (GIVEN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FOUR PRINCIPALS INVOLVED) THAT EVEN IF THEY MADE NO PROGRESS, THE DOOR WOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR FUTURE PROGRESS. IN VIEW OF THIS, AND GIVEN THE OVERALL CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE FACING, I BELIEVE THAT AN UNPRODUCTIVE MEETING WOULD STILL BE LESS DAMAGING THAN NO MEETING AT ALL. IF THIS IS THE USG VIEW, EMBASSY ATHENS OF COURSE WOULD HAVE MUCH BETTER JUDGEMENT AS TO HOW AND

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